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May 25, 2004

Jeff Morales, Director
California Department of Transportation
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Re: FY 2002/03 to 2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; SLOCOG Highway and Transit FSTIP Amendment #8

Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Morales:

We have completed our review of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG) 2002/03 to 2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment # 8, as requested by your letter of May 17, 2004. This SLOCOG FTIP amendment includes the purchase of the Hearst Castle Land and a re-demonstration of financial constraint.

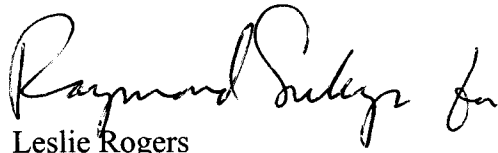
We find that SLOCOG's FTIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23USC 134 & 135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23CFR450. This amendment has met the financial constraint requirements included in our transportation planning regulations, i.e. 23 CFR 450.324(e). Additionally, the San Luis Obispo region is in attainment of the national ambient air quality standards of the Clean Air Act, and is not subject to the transportation conformity regulations {40CFR 93}.

This letter constitutes approval, and inclusion of SLOCOG's FTIP Amendment # 8 into California's 2002/03-04/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA and FHWA administrative requirements.

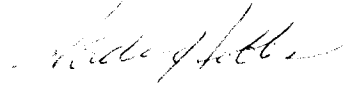
This approval is based on the California Department of Transportation's assurance that the funding for this amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please contact Sandra A. Balmir of the Federal Highway Administration, Los Angeles Metropolitan Office at (213) 202-3953 or Mr. Jerome Wiggins of the Federal Transit Administration at (415) 744-2819.

Sincerely,

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Leslie Rogers
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

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For
Gene K. Fong
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